

Ferry By-law Is Abandoned.

The Angeles Connection Project Dead so far as the Present Council is Concerned.

Conference with the Promoters Fails to Provide a Solution of the Deadlock.

The "friendly conference" between the members of the aldermanic board of this city and the promoters of what is known as the Port Angeles ferry scheme, arranged for last evening, and which it was hoped would result in such mutual concessions as to permit the by-law and its submission to the people, has been held—has failed in the accomplishment of the purpose aimed at. There seemed no possibility of reconciling antagonistic interests, and when President Cushing and Attorney Trumbull of the Port Angeles Eastern road, withdrew, it was with a general understanding that the long discussed by-law, so far as the present council is concerned, is dead.

In opening the meeting Mayor Redfern explained that, in accordance with a promise given some time ago, the council had allowed the matters at issue to remain in abeyance until the promoters of the ferry had completed their preliminary work. It was now for the friends of the scheme to say what they wished done.

Mr. Cushing agreed with his worship in his definition of the situation, and took occasion to again emphasize that the financing of the project was the main thing to be considered, so far as the railway was concerned, assured. With regard to the ferry proposals, he did not see that he could do anything but what he had already done.

In response to a request from the mayor that the objectionable conditions be defined, Mr. Cushing said that the council had allowed the matters at issue to remain in abeyance until the promoters of the ferry had completed their preliminary work. It was now for the friends of the scheme to say what they wished done.

Each of these conditions was then, at Mr. Cushing's suggestion, thoroughly discussed. The railway and ferry promoters took the ground that the Victoria by-law was effectively safeguarded by the by-law itself, inasmuch as all advantages to the company are made conditional upon the by-law, and that the main question of the subsidy question was not a question of details and conditions for a time abandoned, and that the main question of the subsidy question was not a question of details and conditions for a time abandoned.

Mr. Cushing, to bring matters to a direct issue asked: "If you had these objectionable clauses put out, struck out, would you take the by-law as it is, with a subsidy of \$17,500 per annum for twenty years?"

President Cushing's reply was that the subsidy by-law was not considered as amended, although the company might take the original by-law at something less than \$17,500.

The by-law was again taken up, and the limitation of the directorate to seven, three to be named by the council being insisted on by the promoters. Mr. Cushing observed that this might be so amended as to meet the views of both sides. He would waive active opposition to this.

With reference to the question of expenditure devolving upon the company, Mr. Cushing emphatically denied that the service contemplated could be carried out for less than \$500,000 at least, despite the estimates. Ald. Beckwith, who was not contemplating giving anything in the way of a subsidy, said that the company might be able to raise the money.

Mr. Cushing did not recognize the force of the suggestion, and Ald. Williams requested delay in such a matter as likely to be fatal to Victoria's chances. He, too, wanted the know, from President Cushing, in the event of the original by-law being practically restored.

The Coming Mining Camp.

Mount Sicker Shipments Compare Favorably With the Rossland List.

Tramway Construction Advancing—Lenora Output Passes the Iron Mask.

Every day that passes seems to bring Victoria nearer to her future position as a second Spokane on the Coast, the centre of a mining district suitably greater and richer than the famous Rossland camp.

Victorians have apparently not yet awakened to full realization of the situation and of the advantages now at their hand—yet the facts are beginning to speak for themselves, and so plainly that they cannot much longer be treated with indifference.

As an incontrovertible fact, the Lenora stands in the position of being today a heavier continuous shipper than any other mine in the province, with the exception of four, and running this fourth very close indeed. At the same time it must not be forgotten in the calculation that the Rossland ore is worth only about \$12.50 per ton, while the Lenora output would be cheap at \$25.

There was some further debate, but it did not amount to a solution of the difficulties, or end the deadlock. Messrs. Cushing and Trumbull finally withdrew, leaving to catch their waiting steamer, after a general handshaking and advance exchange of good wishes for Christmas and New Year good wishes.

JUDGMENT GIVEN.

A Side Issue in the Action Respecting Coal Under Nanaimo Harbor. Mr. Justice Drake yesterday gave judgment on the application of the defendants in the Attorney-General et al v. the E. & N. Railway Company, for discovery of certain documents in connection with the action respecting the right to mine for coal under Nanaimo harbor.

DIED IN GAOL.

Man Suspected of the Bings Murder Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon. Daniel McDonald Gordon, known as Sgt. Gordon through his claim that he had been a non-commissioned officer in the 48th Highlanders, was found dead in the provincial jail yesterday afternoon, as the result of a severe hemorrhage.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.

Appointments to the Provincial Civil Service—Companies Incorporated and Registered. Yesterday's provincial Gazette contained notices of the following appointments: John E. Hoosen, of Rossland, to be acting registrar of the court of Kootenay, holden at Rossland during the absence of A. B. Townsend, registrar.

John R. Ferguson, Midway; Jas. K. Strachan, Nelson; Leding Wurbzberg, Vancouver, to be justices of the peace. The jurisdiction of A. M. Jarvis, inspector of W.M.P. Dalton Trail, as stipendiary magistrate, has been transferred from Nanaimo to Vancouver district.

Winipic, Dec. 14.—Promises to be kept count for the majority, there are four candidates in the field, Chas. H. Shaw, the Hon. Mr. and the irrepressible E. A. McDonald.

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Director of Jubilee Hospital.

Reports Presented of Various Matters in Connection With the Institution.

A well attended meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital was held last evening, President Helmecke occupying the chair, and 13 of the 15 members being present.

The following communication was received from Dr. Nash on behalf of the dentists of the city: Dec. 4, 1909. To the President and Directors Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C.: Gentlemen: At a meeting of the dentists of Victoria, convened for the purpose of considering your communication regarding their proposed attendance at the hospital, it was decided by those present that such services as are necessary shall be given by them in accordance with your wishes.

The letter was read and the dentists thanked. Mrs. Hasell, treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary, reported that the auxiliary had deposited \$1,825 for the fund for the children's ward and that they had \$25 more on hand. They had also deposited \$500 for the fund for the doctor's residence. The whole amount was raised by the children's carnival and charity fair held on the 11th inst.

The resident medical officer reported as follows: To the President and Members of the Board of Directors: Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that during the month of November, 1909, the total number of patients treated was 118; the total days' stay was 1,426; the daily average cost of patients was \$4.11; the daily average cost was \$1.40.

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